



September 15, 2010

To Members of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Small Business Awards Committee:

RE: Commendation of Carried Away Gifts

Patrice DeHaven, owner of Carried Away Gifts, has been a tireless supporter of the Loudoun Small Business Development Center. She has referred local business owners to us for assistance and has devoted much time and energy to promoting our events within the Loudoun business community. She has also helped us tremendously with the annual daylong *Building Business Together* event, which we have presented the past three springs. Patrice's hard work, creativity, organizational leadership, and networking relationships have been instrumental to the success of the event. In particular, she has been our Silent Auction procedures expert and decorator extraordinaire. Patrice has gifted us with all of these services as a volunteer!

Her abilities are ones important to the success of her own small business. She has found a niche for her amazing creativity in her company offerings of gifts, baskets, and celebration/thank you programs.

Using one of Patrice's business tag lines, we are very grateful to her for often making us look good. We're among the beneficiaries of her move from California to Virginia, where she now serves Loudoun businesses and residents instead of Hollywood stars! We would be thrilled to learn that the Chamber of Commerce similarly recognizes her business as worthy of award recognition.

Sincerely,

Robin Suomi
Executive Director